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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 2-5, 7 and 9 are objected to because of the following informalities: claims 2-5, 7 and 9 are dependent claims, and the dependencies they refer to is improper, i.e., the claim which they depend upon is in brackets. Brackets are normally used to indicate subject matter that has been deleted from the claims. The claim they refer to do not need brackets. Also the claims are labeled as c1- c9. Just plain numbers will suffice. To further the prosecution of the application, Examiner assumes that there are no brackets, and the claims are numbered 1-9. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. Claims 8-9 rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in

such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

3. Claims 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wise et al., (5,884,262).

As per claim 1, Wise et al., teach a method of encoding documents in an interactive network consisting of compressed speech data and the code necessary to decompress and/or play the speech without direct authorization or pre-arrangement by the viewer/listener (Col.6, lines 31-67).

As per claim 2, Wise et al., teach the method of claim 1, where the network is the Internet (Col.6, lines 46-47).

As per claim 3, Wise et al., teach the method of claim 1, in which compressed speech data is transmitted in anticipation of selection by the viewer/listener (Col.7, lines 34-55, Col.6, lines 31-67).

As per claim 4, Wise et al., teach the method of claim 1, in which compressed speech data is stored on a plurality of transmitting computers (Col.8, lines 21-36).

As per claim 5, Wise et al., teach the method of claim 1, in which media data is transmitted in character format accompanied by scripted code to restore a binary format (Col.7, lines 34-55).

As per claim 6, Wise et al., teach a method of endcoding documents in an interactive network consisting of binary data transmitted in character format accompanied by scripted code to restore a binary format (Col.7, lines 34-55).

As per claim 7, Wise et al., teach the method of claim 6, where the network is the Internet (Col.6, lines 46-47).

As per claim 8, Wise et al., teach a method of endcoding documents in an interactive network so as to play a speech segment based on an indirect action of the viewer of the document (Col.6, lines 31-67).

As per claim 9, Wise et al., teach the method of claim 8, where the network is the Internet (Col.6, lines 46-47).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Schindler et al., (6,396,480) teach context sensitive remote control groups.

Yamakita (5,956,681) teaches an apparatus for generating text data on the basis of speech data input from the terminal.

Kim et al., (5,659,790) teach a system and method for globally scheduling multimedia stories.

Ouyang et al., (6,178,405) teach a concatenation compression method.

Tel (5,943,648) teaches a speech distribution system providing supplemental parameter associated data.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vijay B. Chawan whose telephone number is (703) 305-3836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Through Thursday 7-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (703) 305-9645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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